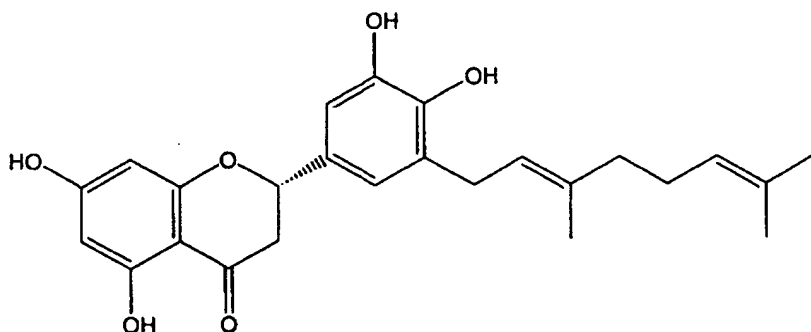


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A flavanone compound ~~characterized in that the compound is~~ comprising a structure represented by the structural formula:



2. (Currently Amended) An antioxidant ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

3. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial agent ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

4. (Currently Amended) An antitumor agent ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

5. (Currently Amended) A food and beverage product ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

6. (Currently Amended) The food and beverage product according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 50 ppm or more.

7. (Currently Amended) The food and beverage product according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 50 ppm to 10,000 ppm.

8. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

9. (Currently Amended) A quasi-drug ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

10. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising a flavanone compound according to claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) An antioxidant ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

12. (Currently Amended) An antimicrobial agent ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

13. (Currently Amended) An antitumor agent ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

14. (Currently Amended) A food and beverage product ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

15. (Currently Amended) The food and beverage product according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 30 ppm or more.

16. (Currently Amended) The food and beverage product according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the concentration of the flavanone compound contained in the food and beverage product is 30 ppm to 10,000 ppm.

17. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone

compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

18. (Currently Amended) A quasi-drug ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.

19. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical ~~characterized by containing~~ comprising at least one flavanone compound selected from nymphaeol-A, nymphaeol-B and nymphaeol-C.